



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: John E. Holland et al.

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For: **PROTECTIVE COVER**

Examiner: William H. Mayo, III

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 17, 2003, the following amendment is submitted contemporaneous with Applicant's Appeal Brief.

If any Extension of Time or other fees for the accompanying reply are required, Applicant requests that this be considered a Petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account 09-0528.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 14-26.

Please amend the claims as follows:

2. (Amended) The protective cover of Claim 1 wherein said fabric is formed from at least 70 percent high performance yarns.

9. (Amended) The protective cover of Claim 8 wherein said means for fastening said opposed longitudinal edges comprises hook and loop material.

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